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LETTER DATED 21 MAY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MAURITANIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a letter addressed to you by Mr. Mohamed Abdoul Rahmane Ould Amin, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, regarding the point of view of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, a member of the Arab Maghreb Union of which Mauritania is currently Chairman, on certain aspects of the current crisis.

The text of the Minister's letter is as follows:

"Having examined the letter dated 11 May 1992 from Mr. Ibrahim Mohamed El-Bachari, Secretary of the People's Committee of the People's Bureau for Foreign Liaison and International Cooperation, I consider it my duty to draw attention to certain positive points made in that letter:

- Libya agrees to implement Security Council resolution 731 (1992) and to dissociate itself from terrorism and terrorists;

- Libya is fully prepared to comply with the requests of the British Government for information concerning the Irish Republican Army (IRA);

- Libya agrees to respond fully to the request made by the French Government.

"Moreover, the Libyan authorities have not rejected the principle of extraditing the two suspects currently being held by the Libyan judicial authorities, so that the appropriate decision can be taken as soon as possible.

"Aware that you are always seeking to maintain peace and international security in the interest of all peoples, in particular, regional groups, and that you are not unaware of the concern that this

problem has raised among the countries members of the Arab Maghreb Union, I request that you make every effort to find a speedy solution to this crisis, since the Libyan position, as I have already indicated, has markedly changed.

"Nouakchott, 21 May 1992

"(Signed) Mohamed Abdoul Rahmane OULD AMIN
Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation"

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohamedou OULD MOHAMED MAHMOUD
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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